

Surah 102 Surah Takaathur

RIVALRY IN AMASSING WEALTH

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TAKAATHUR AND SURAH QAARI'AH

Surah Qaari'ah contained warnings and glad tidings, for our good and bad deeds. Surah Takaathur warns us against the amassing of wealth.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

- * Condemnation of amassing wealth.
- * The hateful quality of boasting.

سُورَةُ التَّكْوِيْنِ وَهِيَ ثِنْتَانِ اَيَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

اَلْهٰكُمْ التَّكَاثُرُ ۝

1. Rivalry in amassing wealth has made you negligent (heedless of fulfilling Allaah's commands)...

حَتّٰى زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ ۝

2. ... (and this rivalry will continue making you negligent) until you reach the graves (when you die). (It is only when a person dies that he realises the futility of amassing wealth because none of it will benefit him in the Aakhirah.)

كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُوْنَ ۝

3. Never! (This rivalry will not benefit you!) Soon you will come to know (the errors of your ways) !

ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُوْنَ ۝

4. Again never! *(This rivalry will most certainly not benefit you, but) You will soon come to know (the truth of this after death) !*

كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عِلْمَ الْيَقِينِ ٥

5. Never! If you had certain *(definite) knowledge (about the eventual reality, you would not have preoccupied yourself with this rivalry to accumulate wealth).*

لَتَرَوُنَّ الْجَحِيمَ ٦

6. (By Allaah! Because of your preoccupation with this rivalry to amass wealth.) You will definitely see Jahannam *(when you enter it) !*

ثُمَّ لَتَرَوُنَّهَا عَيْنَ الْيَقِينِ ٧

7. Again (By Allaah!) You will then surely see it with the eye of certainty *(when you will be unable to deny its existence).*

ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ ٨

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8. Thereafter, (after you have seen the reality of the Aakhirah) on that day (of Qiyaamah) you will definitely be questioned about the bounties *(the luxuries and talents Allaah has given you. You will be asked how you used them and whether you expressed gratitude for them) (A Hadith states that on the Day of Qiyaamah, man will be brought forward like a lamb. He will then be presented before Allaah, Who will ask, "Did I not grant you wealth and bounties? What did you do with these?" He will reply, "I accumulated it and multiplied it until it flourished. Then I left it all behind. Allow me to return and bring it all before you." Allaah will say, "Show Me what you had sent ahead here [to the Aakhirah as good deeds]. He will again reply, "I accumulated my wealth and multiplied it until it flourished. Then I left it all behind. Allow me to return and bring it all before you." When it is clear that he had not performed any good deeds on earth, he will be flung into Jahannam.)*